

their skills and experience to work to help those who are less fortunate in our community.

Maintaining a furnace is a very important household task. An inefficient furnace can cost a family hundreds of extra dollars each year—and the winters get pretty cold in Minnesota. With energy prices already high and with food and other costs skyrocketing as well, few can make room in their tight budgets for those hundreds of dollars. And, this is especially true of seniors and others on fixed incomes.

The free services provided by these professionals, however, not only help save money, but also help save lives. By installing detectors during their inspections, they will help keep so many people from exposure to life-threatening levels of carbon monoxide.

For 22 years, HEATS ON has provided more than 25,000 hours of services to more than 6200 households. While the money value on these services exceeds \$2.7 million, the real value is so much greater. And, I commend these men and women for their work and their dedication to their community.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS TRACK COACH JOHN McDONNELL

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, John McDonnell is known as the legendary track coach at the University of Arkansas. His 47 national titles are the most by any single-gendered coach in the history of college athletics.

Every single outdoor and indoor track and field event record is held by one of his student athletes. Winning 84 conference titles including 34 straight in cross country, he took very little credit, often crediting his assistant coaches with the success.

He was committed to mentoring, educating, and developing thousands of young men in the classroom and on the track. He pushed his student athletes to strive for excellence.

Coach McDonnell is much more than just a coach. He often spoke about the importance of family in his life. During his retirement announcement, he talked of wanting to spend time with his wife Ellen, daughter Heather, and son Sean.

His contributions as a coach, educator, and leader have brought great pride to Razorbacks all across the Nation. He has given so much to Arkansas, and all Arkansans thank him for his work. I congratulate Coach McDonnell for 36 years of excellence at the University of Arkansas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. BECERRA. Madam Speaker, on Monday, September 22, 2008, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall votes 617 and 618.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. ROBIN HOEFER JACKSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize Mrs. Robin H. Jackson a valued member of the Midlands community of South Carolina.

Born in Columbia, South Carolina, Mrs. Jackson received her education in the Richland District One Public School System, graduated from Eau Claire High School, and later attended Benedict College. A 1975 graduate of the University of South Carolina with a bachelor of arts degree in vocal performance, she received her certification in music education from the University of South Carolina. Additionally, she holds a master of education degree from Cambridge College, Boston, Massachusetts, which she earned in 2001.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Jackson has served her community doing what she loves best—teaching music to children. She served as music specialist at the South Carolina State Hospital before returning to Richland School District One to teach music education at various schools, including Lyon Street Elementary School, Fairwold Elementary School, Rosewood Elementary School, and the Olympia School. In May 2008, Mrs. Jackson retired from teaching after 28 years at A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School.

During Mrs. Jackson's term as an instructor of music at A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School, she received training from the Metropolitan Opera in New York City and became certified in creating an original opera for children. This opportunity allowed her to guide students in grades 4 and 5 in creating their own original opera, which consisted of composing their own music, writing their own lyrics, and building their own sets. Mrs. Jackson also led the students on educational tours of New York City, where they were exposed to various operas and Broadway shows. A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School was the only elementary school in Columbia to participate in this program.

Mrs. Jackson's work in music education demonstrated her belief that every student should participate in some form of the arts. Thus, each grade level at the A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School was given an opportunity to perform in grade level performances. The first grade students presented a production of Maurice Sendak's Really Rosie; the second grade students performed in The Carnival of the Animals; the third grade students performed in The Nutcracker; the fourth grade students performed in Choices Count, which is a part of one of the Character Education initiatives of the Richland School District One; and the fifth grade students were given an opportunity to perform in their own original opera. Other school-wide productions included The Wiz and You're a Good Man Charlie Brown.

Mrs. Jackson not only involved her students in musicals, but she also provided guitar les-

sons to male students in grades 4 and 5 by way of the Guitar Club, which was geared towards the behavioral modification of the students. She also offered all students an opportunity to learn to play the tone chimes, the recorder, and the keyboard. She additionally led the school's chorus, who often performed in various musical productions.

Mrs. Jackson's commitment to the intellectual and artistic development of children did not end upon her retirement from the A.J. Lewis Greenview Elementary School. She maintains her devotion as the owner of the Arts-In-Action Music Studio in West Columbia, where she offers piano and voice classes to youth. She is also music director for the Brookland Baptist Church Children's Choir where there are more than 100+ voices ranging from ages 5 through 12.

Mrs. Jackson's service to the community continues as president of the Interdenominational Alliance of Minister's wives and Minister's Widows, Inc. of Greater Columbia; a member of the Capital City Chorale of Columbia; a member of the Brookland Baptist First Sunday Ensemble; a member of the Beautification Committee for West Columbia; a member of the Capital City Club; a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated; and director of music for the Women's Educational and Missionary Baptist Convention of South Carolina. She is also a speaker at various churches in the state of South Carolina for Women's Day and mission work.

Mrs. Jackson is married to the Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr., pastor of the Brookland Baptist Church in West Columbia. She is the mother of Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Jr., pastor of the New Laurel Street Baptist Church of Columbia; mother-in-law to Mrs. Iva Gaymon Jackson; and mother of Attorney Candace Celeste Jackson of Columbia. Mrs. Jackson also holds dear in her heart her three grandchildren: Charles B. Jackson, III; Caleb A. Jackson; and Kayla Jackson.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. MILTON H. WEYER, JR.

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend to the House the memory of Mr. Milton H. Weyer, Jr., on his passing of May 29, 2008. A lifelong Ohioan, Milton was born in Findlay on April 19, 1947. He led a life dedicated to service and helping others, serving for 4 years in the Air Force and for 27 years at Hanco as an emergency medical technician. His legacy of selflessness is fondly remembered by all those in his community and by those whose lives he touched.

Milton is survived by his wife Suzanne; his 5 children, Milton III, Marcus, Mallory, Drew, and Samantha; his siblings Bob, Donnie, Dave, Ray, and Charlotte; as well as 11 grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to remember the Weyer family in their prayers and to honor all of those who provide service to their communities and to our Nation.